

Weather Advisory

You peer out the bedroom window and see softly falling snow or the gleam of ice. Is the base closed? Here's how to find out. Call the Fort Detrick Weather Information Line (301-619-7611) or tune in to local radio/television stations for information.

Closed or Delayed Opening

When Fort Detrick is closed, NCI at Frederick is also closed; when Fort Detrick has a delayed opening, NCI at Frederick has a delayed opening. NCI at Frederick does not follow weather closings or delayed opening advisories for the NIH-Bethesda campus or the Washington metropolitan area.

Early Dismissal

For early dismissals, NCI at Frederick operates independently of Fort Detrick; therefore, your supervisor will notify you if NCI at Frederick closes during working hours.

Telephone Numbers

Recorded weather line 301-619-7611
Fort Detrick toll-free number 1-800-256-7621, Press 1

Internet

Fort Detrick's home page: <http://www.detrick.army.mil/>
Weather announcements are posted near the top of the page.

Radio/TV

Baltimore, MD
WBAL AM 1090
WCAO AM 600
WPOC FM 93.1
WIYY FM 97.9
WYPR FM 88.1
WCBM AM 680
WLIF FM 101.9
WWMX FM 106.5
WRBS FM 95.1
WERQ FM 92.3
WMAR ABC2 (TV)
WBAL NBC 11 (TV)
WJZ CBS 13 (TV)
WBFF FOX 45 (TV)

Frederick, MD
WAFY FM 103.1
WFMD AM 930
WFRE FM 99.9
WTLF FM 103.9
WWEF FM 106.9
WYPF FM 88.1

Hagerstown, MD
WARK AM 1490
WAYZ FM 104.7
WDLD FM 96.7

WJEJ AM 1240
WHAG NBC 25 (TV)

Thurmont, MD
WTHU AM 1450

Williamsport, MD
WCRH FM 90.5
WICL FM 95.9

Chambersburg, PA
WQCM 94.3
WIKZ FM 95.1
WCHA AM 800

Gettysburg, PA
WGET AM 1320
WGTU FM 107.7

Greencastle, PA
WBHB FM 101.5
WNUZ FM 92.1

Martinsburg, WV
WEPM AM 1340
WLTF FM 97.5
WRNR AM 740

Washington, DC
WFED AM 1500
WMZQ FM 98.7
WRXQ FM 107.3
WTOP FM 103.5
WUSA NBC 9 (TV)

Winchester, VA
WINC FM 92.5 ■



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Winter Driving Safety Tips

Driving in cold weather presents special weather-related driving hazards. As you drive your vehicle this winter, here are some winter driving tips to keep in mind:

- Stopping distance on a snowy/icy surface can be up to 10 times that of a dry road, so drive with extra caution on slick or snowy surfaces.
- Turn your headlights on during periods of low visibility.
- Wear your seat belts. Secure children under age four in child safety seats.
- Allow extra time for winter trips. If you are running late, do not rush.
- It is a Maryland law that all windows and mirrors on vehicles be cleared of snow and ice. Do not go down the road with only a peephole to see through. Fort Detrick police will cite this infraction.
- Clear all snow off the hood and roof of your vehicle so snow does not blow onto your windshield or rear window (or those of the vehicle behind you) and obscure driving vision.
- It is a good idea to carry an emergency kit that may include an ice scraper and brush, jumper cables, a shovel, a tow chain, tire chains, a blanket, gloves, a flashlight, and rock salt or kitty litter for traction.



Make sure that your vehicle is mechanically sound. The following checklist will help ensure a safe trip each day this winter:

- Cold weather is especially demanding on batteries. Check and replace your battery if needed.
- Install all-weather tires or snow tires and check to see that tire pressure meets the recommendations of your owner's manual.
- Test your antifreeze against the recommendations of your owner's manual.
- Check the integrity of your exhaust system for leaks into the passenger area.
- Be sure your wiper blades are in good condition.

Coordinated Highways Action Response Team (CHART)

<http://www.chart.state.md.us>

View current traffic and emergency road conditions across the state. Under "Severe Weather Information," you'll find several links to help you during a weather emergency.

These tips have been provided courtesy of Environment, Health, and Safety (EHS). If you have any questions or would like more information, contact EHS at 301-846-1451. ■